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Transmitted herewith for filing is the U.S. UTILITY patent application of:

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Title: GAS FILTER

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Enclosed are:

- [10] pages specification - including [14] claims and abstract
- [1] sheets of formal drawings Figs 1/2
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